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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP DISCUSSION (ROME)

SUMMARY: GG MET MARCH 5. REVIEWED CONSULTATION LEVEL DISCUSSIONS
AND ITEMS FOR WORKING GROUP ACTION 1974. DISCUSSED PREPARATION
FOR ECOSOC IN-DEPTH STUDY FAO, FUTURE CHAIRMANSHIP GG, ESTABLISH-
MENT OF "BUREAU" BY AFRICAN PERMREPS AND CERTAIN PROGRAM MATTERS
WHICH GG SHOULD KEEP EYE ON. END SUMMARY.

1. GENEVA GROUP (ROME) MET MARCH 5 UNDER UK CHAIRMANSHIP. ALL
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MEMBERS REPRESENTED. MAIN FOCUS WAS ON ELEVENTH CONSULTATION

LEVEL DISCUSSION AND OFFICIAL REPORT OF MEETING. DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MOST MEMBERS HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED BY CAPITALS OF OUTCOME OF SESSION. NEITHER HAD THEY RECEIVED COPIES OF WORKING PAPERS WHICH GUIDED 11TH SESSION DELIBERATIONS. LOCAL CO-CHAIRMAN TAKING STEPS CIRCULATE MOST IMPORTANT STUDIES.

2. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF NEED STIMULATE SOME GOVERNMENTS WITH REGARD COORDINATION GG ACTIVITY CAME FROM ITALIAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT THAT HE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF STATEMENT MADE BY HIS DELEGATION AT CONCLUSION AGENDA ITEM 1 (GENEVA 767) AND SIMILAR OBSERVATION BY GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE WITH REGARD HIS DELEGATION'S STATEMENT UNDER ITEM VII. (GENEVA 813)

3. GROUP THEN DISCUSSED "IN-DEPTH STUDY" FAO BY ECOSOC. UK CO-CHAIRMAN REPORTED HIS GOVERNMENT WILL PREPARE INITIAL FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT FOR STUDY IN CAPITALS AND EVENTUALLY BY LOCAL GENEVA GROUP TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION WHATEVER MATERIAL PREPARED BY FAO. ADVISED HE WILL SEEK HAVE BRITISH DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED IN ROME AT SAME TIME AS CIRCULATED CAPITALS. GROUP RECOGNIZED TIGHT PROBLEM OF TIMING SINCE DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY SESSION ECOSOC.

4. CONTINUED CO-CHAIRMANSHIP BY US AND UK DISCUSSED AND GROUP EXPRESSED SATISFACTION NO CHANGE WAS MADE AT CONSULTATION LEVEL. THIS INCLUDED JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE, WHO SAID HIS GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS ENTERTAIN CHANGE GREW MOSTLY FROM PERSONAL FEELINGS JAPANESE AMBASSADOR GENEVA (KITAHARA).

5. GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED MAKEUP OF WORKING ROUPS FOR CURRENT YEAR AND APPROPRIATE ISSUES FOR STUDY BY EACH. WORKING GROUPS ENCOURAGED TO MEET EARLY TO ORGANIZE WORK AND SELECT CHAIRMAN. LATTER NECESSITATED BY NUMEROUS PERSONNEL CHANGES.

6. UK ASKED FOR DISCUSSION CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN "AFRICAN BUREAU" BY CERTAIN PERMREPS. (COPIES ANNOUNCEMENT SENT MILLS IO/AGR JANUARY 31.) GROUP AGREED SUCH BUREAUS CAN HAVE ONLY SELF IMPOSED STATUS SINCE NOT PROVIDED FOR BY FAO CONSITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS, ETC. EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORT THIS "AFRICAN BUREAU" RECEIVING FAO INTERPRETATION SERVICE AND MAKING APPROACHES CONCERNING SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE AND GREATER EMPLOY-
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MENT OF NATIONALS FROM REGION. GROUP AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT CAPITALS WOULD BE INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING "BUREAU" AND CO-CHAIRMAN WOULD DETERMINE EXTENT TO WHICH ITS REQUESTS BEING HONORED BY FAO.

7. NETHERLANDS REP RECOMMENDED GROUP EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND WORLD FOOD SECURITY PROPOSALS IN FUTURE MEETINGS. HE ALSO INFORMED GROUP

THAT WITH REGARD INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FAO HAD
TOLD "TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE" THAT "SOME SPECIFIC NEW
AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION MAY BE NEEDED... TO COMMAND RESPECT
IN ITS OWN RIGHT AND DRAW ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE
OF ESTABLISHED INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS FAO." HE NOTED THAT THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL INFORMED THE 17TH CONFERENCE ALONG THE SAME
LINES AND HAD ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE OVERALL
MATTER. THE DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE RECOMMENDED GOVERNMENTS
FOLLOW THIS ISSUE CLOSELY SINCE IT HAS BOTH PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS. VOLPUNQUOTE KISSINGER

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